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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

WITH SIGNED DECLARATION

NONPROVISIONAL
NON REISSUE
NON PCT NAT PHASE

Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): Yoshihiko SHIOZAKI and Tomoaki HIRAI

Title OPTICAL DISK RECORDING AND REPRODUCING
APPARATUS

Atty. Dkt.: PW 027 7016 | H7523US
M# | Client Ref

including:

Date: September 26, 2001

1. Specification: 19 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☐ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 4 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 4 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 5 or 6). (Prior M# SN)

6. **AMEND the specification** please by inserting before the first line: -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part
☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:

6(a) ☐ National Appln. No. / filed (M#)
6(b) ☐ International Appln. No. filed

which designated the U.S., and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--

7. ☐ **AMEND the specification** by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S.
Provisional Application No. 60/ , filed .--

8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

9. ☐ Prior application is assigned to

by Assignment recorded Reel Frame

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan

11. (country)

| Application No. | Filing Date | Application No. | Filing Date |
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| (1) 2000-294737 | September 27, 2000 | (2) | |
| (3) | | (4) | |
| (5) | | (6) | |
| (7) | | (8) | |
| (9) | | <input type="checkbox"/> See 3 rd page for additional priorities | |

12. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) filed on in U.S. Application No. /

13. Small entity status ☐ is not claimed; ☐ is claimed (Pre-filing confirmation required)

13(a) ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)

13(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

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| 19. Total Effective Claims | 4 | minus 20 = | *0 | x \$18/\$9 = | + 0 | 103/203 |
| 20. Independent Claims | 2 | minus 3 = | *0 | x \$80/\$40 = | + 0 | 102/202 |
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| 21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (leave this line blank if this is a reissue application) | | | | + \$270/\$135 | + 0 | 104/204 |
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| 25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No. | | | | + \$130 | + 0 | 122 |
| 26. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED = | | | | | \$750 | |

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- ☒ Patent application (19 pages of specification; 4 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee
- ☒ An Assignment of the Invention with Cover Sheet and \$40.00 Recordation Fee
- ☒ A Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ 4 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ Return postcard
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with 1 reference
- ☒ A Certified copy of the Japanese priority document from which priority is claimed

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